

Rail-Track Laying and Maintenance Equipment Operators (47-4061)

Occupation description: Lay, repair, and maintain track for standard or narrow-gauge railroad equipment used in regular railroad service or in plant yards, quarries, sand and gravel pits, and mines. Includes ballast cleaning machine operators and railroad bed tamping machine operators.

Employment and Job Openings

	Average employment			Average annual openings		
	2010 estimate	2020 projection	Percent change	Growth	Replacement	Total
Alaska	113	99	-12.4	0	3	3
United States	15,000	15,300	2.0	20	400	420

Job outlook

Alaska: Alaska's employment growth is low with low employment opportunities. [Read more.](#)

2013 Wages ?

	Mean Wage and 95% Confidence Interval			Wage by Percentile		
	Low	Mean	High	10th	Median	90th
United States	n/a	22.24	n/a	13.89	22.25	31.00

Labor Force Indicators

2012 Worker Characteristics

Total workers	Nonresident workers	Percent nonresident	Percent age 45 plus	Percent age 50 plus
136	13	9.6	28.6	19.8

2012 Potential Supply

Qualified but working in another occupation	18
Currently employed in a lower paid occupation	9
UI claimants previously working in occupation	32

2012 ALEXsys Employment Data

Number of registrants	87
Number of job position postings	0
Ratio of registrants to job position postings	0.0

Typical Entry-level Education, Experience, and/or On-the-job Training

Education: High school diploma or equivalent

Work experience: None

On-the-job training: Moderate-term on-the-job training

Training Resources

Alaska Operating Engineers/Employers Training Trust	
Heavy Equipment Operator	Degree
Alaska's Institute of Technology (AVTEC)	
Diesel/Heavy Equipment Technology	Certificate
Delta Mine Training Center	
Surface Mining	Degree
Ilisagvik College	
Construction/Heavy Equipment Operations	Degree
	Certificate
Northern Industrial Training	
Heavy Equipment Training - 4 Week, Palmer	Degree
Heavy Equipment Training - 6 Week, Palmer	Certificate
Heavy Equipment Training - 8 Week, Palmer	Cer/CDL
	CDL
Southwest Alaska Vocational and Education Center	
Heavy Equipment Operator Training	Degree
	Certificate